

# Liberty Wing joins in Recycle Day Nov. 15

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The first "America Recycles Day" is Nov. 15.

The day, which was proclaimed by Vice President Al Gore, aims to remind and encourage Americans to learn more and do more recycling and purchasing of recycled products, according to Col. Patrick Fink, Air Force Environmental Quality director.

The theme for this year's event is "Keep Recycling Working: Buy Recycled." To support the theme, RAF Lakenheath recycling program officials are planning to put up displays of recycled materials at the commissary and base exchange.

Another part of America Recycles Day is the pledge card program. To support the day, people can fill out pledge cards that can be found on the World Wide Web at [www.americarecyclesday.org](http://www.americarecyclesday.org). That is the only source of the pledge cards and serves to encourage recycling according to SSgt.

## What do the three chasing arrows mean?

Each arrow represents one step in the three-step process the completes the recycling loop.

The first step is collection. This is when you put your recyclable materials into your curbside recycling bin or take it to a local drop-off center. The collected materials are then prepared to be marketed and are sold to a manufacturing facility.



The manufacturing process is the second arrow in the recycling symbol.

The recyclable materials are converted into new products and shipped to stores across the country to be placed on shelves as new consumer goods.

The third step is where consumers purchase products made with recycled content. When they buy recycled, they complete the recycling loop.

Dave Berdis, Liberty Wing recycling program manager. Those who fill them out pledge to recycle and buy recycled products. All pledges must be submitted by Nov. 16.

All pledges will be entered into a random drawing Dec. 15 for the "American Green Dream House," an energy-saving, water-conserving, three-bedroom, 2½ bath, 1,859-square foot home built with recycled mate-

rials. Up to \$50,000 will also be allotted to the winner for property purchase. The estimated retail value of the house is \$200,000.

The house will be made from such recycled materials as ground post-consumer tires, recycled soda bottles, recovered paper and recycled plastic.

Full details about the materials are available on the web page.



## MiG pilots visit Lakenheath

(Left) German MiG-29 pilot, Capt. Stefan Bernhard, left, discusses some intricacies of the MiG cockpit with Capt. Michael Neeman and Capt. David Dillman, 494th Fighter Squadron, and 1st Lt. Anthony Sweeney, 493rd Fighter Squadron. (Below) SrA. Bryan Dawson, a crew chief with the 48th Equipment Maintenance Squadron transient alert section, marshals a German Mikoyan Gurevich - 29 aircraft into position Oct 30. The aircraft was one of two MiG-29s that visited the Liberty Wing. Their aircrews visited as part of an information exchange to discuss the possibilities of future dissimilar aircraft training.



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